ISAAC EICHBERG'S DRY GOODS STORE.

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THE HOLIDAYS CLOSE

We are fully prepared to offor to our numerous friends and customers the most com-

ever offered before in Alexandria.

replenished and is all fresh and new, bought at the lowest net cash bottom prices, and will be sold at the smallest profit.

satisfactory business, we wish to close the year with as small a stock as possible, and hence have concluded from this day to run off our entire stock at ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.

All our goods are marked in plain selling figures, and we would respectfully ca'l the attention of all lovers of a good and genuine article at a cheap price to give us a call and [examine our immense stock.

I. EICHBERG.



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SPECIAL ADVERTISE-

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WE FIND IT TOO NU-

nerous to mention every arti-

cle we keep on hand, but sim-

ply and politely request you to

call and examine our stock

Our cellar is stacked with

Domestic Goods,

such as Canton Flannels

Cottons, all Wool Plain and

Twilled Red and White Flan-

BLANKETS

in great variety, from a Cradle

Ladies', Gents' and Misses'

Underwear, Corsets, Notions

and Sundries on first floor.

A general assortment of

Dress Goods,

Trimmings, Linens, Cloths,

Cassimeres, White Goods,

Tarlatans, Crape, Crape Veils,

Mourning Goods, &c., on 2nd

A full and complete line of

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Has-

socks, Crumb Cloths, Lace Curtains, Stair Linens, Cur-

tain Linens, Carpet Bindings,

I. EICHBERG

(Succ r. to Slaymaker Co.)

SELLING OUT!

Blanket up to a 12 Blanket.

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GREATEST AND MOST

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SALE OF THE SEASON.

Large and splendid variety of

Cloaks and Shawls,

DRESS GOODS.

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HANDKERCHIEFS,

HOUSEFURNISHING

PIANO COVERS,

TABLE AND

MEN'S AND BOY'S WEAR,

CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS,

MATS CRUMB

CLOTES, And a full line and general

stock of DRY GOODS

AND

DOMESTICS

SELLING OUT!

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

First in the field to offer to my patrons

HOLIDAY

For a holiday present nothing is more useful than a nice Overcoat or a good Suit of Clothes.

OVERCOATS FROM \$3 TO \$25 (Chinchilla, Beaver and Cloth, of all styles and colors.)

CALL AND SEE THEM.

FURNISHING GOODS. GENTS

is complete.

MY SIX DOLLAR SUIT

Cannot be excelled this side of Philadelphia. TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS-

All I ask is a visit to my Ciothing Emporium,

NO. S6 KING STREET Opposite Market alley.

S. HOES BOOTS AND

PREPARE YOURSELVES,

FOR THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING:

I am positively selling out my entire stock of Now is your time, for

HENRY STRAUSS

is selling at his

S6 King street. 66 KING STREET

OIL CLOTHS.

Pretzfelder & Company's

144 KING STREET.

business on King street to No. 16 N. St. Asaph street, where I will receive orders for ICE CREAM,

Custard...... 1 00 per gallon Water Ices...... 1 00 per gallon
I will keep always on hand a variety of Philadelphia Taffies, Bon bons, Cream work of all

MEDICINAL.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HAPPY NEW, YEAR!

UITS TO FIT A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD TO A MAN WEIGHING 300 POUNDS.

My stock of

TRURNKS VALISES,

HATS, CAPS, &c.

and if I do not satisfy you in what I have said

I ask you not to buy. I hope my former career

of business transaction will be sufficient for the

HENRY STRAUSS

SHOR & EMPORIUM,

Boots and Shoes at prices that will dazzle your

BOOTS FROM \$1.50 UP TO \$6.

A Baltimore Home Made Boot \$3.87.

Ladies' Shoes from 75c up to \$2.50.

Ladies' Foxed Button \$1.62. This Boot can-

not be equalled in this city.

Misses' and Children's Shoes at the lowest

For a Christmas present to your wife, husband, mother, father, sister, brother, or any one,

and get a pair of his BEST HOLIDAY SHORS.

call on HENRY STRAUSS, 66 King street,

P. S.-Sole agent for the WALKER SADDLE SEAM BOOT. This boot will be guaranteed for its fit and wear. Call and examine them.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

BEAUTIFUL GOODS FOR THE HOLI-FRENCH'S, NO. 95 KING STREET. I am new opening one of the hand-omest stocks of Christmas and New Year's goods ever offered in this market. Prominent are Bibles and Prayer Books in rich binding Novelties in Russia leather. The finest Russia Leather Portamonaies. Letter Cases and Writing Cases. Papier Mache Desks, very handsome. Beautiful vases in gilt and cut glass. Hand painted Glass Vases, very beautiful. Russia Leather and Cut Glass Handkerchief and Glove Boxes. Russia Leather Satchels. Ladies' Pocket Companions. Japanese Cabinets, Boxes and Trays. Writing Desks. Fine Gold Pens and Pencils in gold and pearl cases, put up expressly for holiday presents. Fine Bronze Glass Inkstands. Scotchwood goods. Smokers' sets. Segar Cases, great wood goods. Smokers' sets. Segar Cases, great variety. Work Boxes in Russia and Vienna Leather, beautifully made and furnished. Hand-Leather, beautifully made and furnished. Handsome Chromos. Statuary also the celebrated Pictures of Prang & Co. These the fluest in this country. Christmas and New Year Cards. For the little folks I have the largest and beat assortment of juvenile books in the State. The stock embraces the best American, English and German authors. As for Games of all kinds, Alphabat, brilding and other blocks. Banks

Alphabet, brilding and other blocks, Banks Steam Engines, and a thousand and one other things to instruct and amuse boys and girls, time and space forbid further enumeration.

Any information respecting this stock will be cheerfully furnished by mail to those living at a distance. To the residents and sejourners in Alexandria it will afford me pleasure to show these goods at 95 King street.
dec 18-td GEO. E. FRENCH.

HEADQUARTERS -FOR-HOLIDAY GOODS

Let all remember that MRS. S. K. SNIDER Had the largest and most select stock of

CHRISTMAS GOODS in the city last year, and her stock this year is a great improvement over last. She also has a large assortment of beautiful and cheap Lamps, and every variety of Housefurnishing Goods. All are invited to call at No. 6 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., and examine for them-

BELMONT PEACHES AND PURE WINE. We are special agents for Mr. R. LLOYD'S EXTRA BELMONT PEACHES, by the case or at retail, in 2 and 3 lb cans. Also for his CONCORD and CATAWBA WINE of 1870 and 1871, in bottles or by the gallon. dec 13 JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

We have just received a large assortment of NEW AND USEFUL ARTICLES, SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

CONSISTING OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS,

dec 11-tJ1

PLATED, WOODEN

AND WILLOW WARES,

WRITING DESKS, WORK BOXES AND

BASKETS, TOYS, &c., &c., o muich no laying the amention of purchasers and an examination of our stock before pur-

chasing elsewhere. McLEAN & UHLER, 107 KING STREET.

TOYS! TOYS!

LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY!

Also a full line of

CONFECTIONERY. TH. GERHARD,

10 North Royal street. nov 30-tf FANCY GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS—
English, French, German and American
Perfumeries, Lubin's, Piver's and Palmer's
Extracts, Genuine Farina Cologne, Orange
Blossom Cologne, Violet Cologne and Sachet
Powders of various odors; also Cologne and
Perfumery Bottles of various styles including

Perfamery Bottles of various styles, including the "Rustic Bottle," something new and very attractive.

JANNEY & CO., 79 & 145 King street. dec 14 CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! FOR CHRISTMAS! call at C. C. BERRY'S, where you will find beautiful line of goods for ladies, gents and children. Call and examine, as they are very cheap, before buying elsewhere. dec 13

XMAS Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1877. CLOAKS! CLOAKS! We invite purchasers to call and see a great

many new goods just received from New York per express. D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. H. B. Hoomes. dec 11

HOLIDAY GOODS. Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Scarfs and Ruffling, in handsome boxes. Wa-gons, Carriages, Sleighs, Rocking-Horses, Tin animals, Drums and a large assortment of other C. M. ADAMS, 92 King street.

HOLIDAY GOODS—Fancy Lunch Baskets, suitable for school children, Fruit Baskets, Cocoa Mats, various styles, Centennial do., very pretty, woolen bordered and lettered do.;
Infant and Toy Pails—all new and cheap.
dec 10 GEO. McBURNEY & CO.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Just received Christmas Drums, Tool Chests, Wash Tub Sets, with a Chair large enough for s child to sit on, Cradles, Hobby Horses, Wagons, Sleighs, Combs. Brushes, Frames of all sizes, Centre Tables, large size; Scarfs, Ruching, Ribbons, &c., &c., —all at low prices.

dec 8

FERGUSON & BRO.

HOLIDAY GOODS JUST RECEIVED— tel, Valencia, Mat and Sultana Seedless Raisins, Malaga Grapes and a general assortment of fresh Nuts, all of which are offered very low. GEO. McBURNEY & SON,

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS—ATMORE'S GENUINE ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING. For sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON. dec 5 HOLIDAY PRESENTS—A great variety of FANCY CHINA, just received and for

sale low. We advise our friends and the pub-

166 and 170 King street.

lic to call and carefully examine the stock.
nov 30 E. J. MILLER, & CO, 65 King st. PIANOS AND ORGANS, From the most celebrated factories, for sale and

C. REICHENBACH'S PIANO WAREROOMS, 423 Eleventh st., a few doors above Penna ave. Washington, D. C. Sole Agency for District of Columbia and Alexandria, Va., of the calebrated KNABE & CO'S. and McCAMMON'S favorite PIANOS. Jy 16-tf

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT for every body, would be a bottle of JANNEY'S EXQUISITE ORANGE BLOSSOM COLOGNE. Put up in bottles of three sizes at 25 and 50

cents, and \$1.00 respectively

JANNEY & CO., No. 145 King and

dec 21

N. W. cor. King and Royal sts. CONFECTIONERY, FRUITS, TOYS, &c.

M. BOSSART,

No. 21 south Fairfax street, Has on hand a full supply of CHRISTMAS GOODS of all kinds, such as Candies, French and Plain, Nuts of all kinds, Raisins, Havana Organes, Lemons, Malaga Grapes, California Pears, Albemarle Pippins, &c. Also CAKES, Plain and Fancy, which he is constantly making, and may be had fresh every day.

Rockets, Roman Candles and Fire Crackers, from the smallest to the largest size, and every from the smallest to the largest size, and every description of Fire Works at low prices.

dec 20.1w CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Perhaps the best and most lesting present that can be made to a mother, wife or sister is a first class sewing MACHINE. This we have in the "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE.

We also have a few SECOND HAND MA-CHINES, in good order; also Toilet Bottles, Soaps, Hair Brushes, Chamois Skins, Tooth Soaps, Hair Brushes, Chamois Skins, Tooth Royders, free all at lowest possible prices. Powders, &c., all at lowest possible prices. dec 19 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

AN ACROSTICAL ADVERTISEMENT.

By BRENGLE. CONCERNING CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY.

Christmas comes but once a year; Habit makes a pleasant time;

Run riot every kind of cheer, Into every land and clime.

Silvan scenes delight no more, Turning cold the northwinds blaw.

May bird lives on milder shore,

And all the folks to BRENGLE'S go. SANTA CLAUS waits there, you know. Read the second letter of the first line, the third letter of the second line, the fourth letter of the third line, and so on, and you will find the place where all good children go, and where

Kriss Kringle awaits them with the largest tock of CAKES ever made in this market. Also French and Domestic Candies, Cakes, Pies, Fruits, Nuts, Confectionery, Oysters, Ice Cream, Water Ices and all the delicacies of the

129 King street.

Christmas, 1877. LOW PRICES

season.

TO SUIT HARD TIMES :

FOR HOLIDAY GOODS AT

RAMSAY'S.

RAISINS OF ALL KINDS, -E CITRON.

> CURRANTS. FIGS,

NUTS OF ALL KINDS,

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING, MINOE MEAT,! FLORIDA ORANGES,

MALAGA GRAPES, LEMONS, PRESERV. CITRON,

CURRANT JELLY.

....

QUINCE JELLY, APPLE AND PEACH BUTTER,

> OLIVES, PRESERVED and

> > CONSERVED GINGER,

PINEAPPLE CHEESE, EDAM AND SAPSAGO do., CHINESE PRESERVES in glass,

FINE FRENCH PRESERVES, (in handsome bottles -just the thing for presents,)

ENGLISH PICKLES, SARDINES, BOSTON BAKED BEANS, LOBSTERS. CANNED GOODS CHEAP,

NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, GOOD BAKING MOLASSES CHEAP,

FINE CIGARS, HANDSOME JARS OF PICK LES, TEAS, COFFEES and SUGARS,

rent. Pianos and Organs sold on the instalment plan on the most reasonable terms. Tuning and repairing promptly attended to by experienced AT VERY LOW PRICES. dec 12-tJ1

> GEORGE R. HILL & CO., STEAM CRACKERS & CAKE BAKERS 35 NORTH I LEE STREET, A LEXANDRIA, VA

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC'R. 27.

Postal Antiquities.

For the earliest dawning of the postal system we must travel back far into the past, and we must look beyond our own island. In every encyclopedia we may read how the word post is supposed to have originated from the Latin positum, placed or fixed; and how posts or sta tions were placed at intervals along the roads of the Roman empire, at least as early as in the reign of Augustus; at these stations couriers held themselves in readiness to receive dipatches. We must go back still further, and we shall discover very curious arrangements for the convoyance of written and of spoken messages. That ancient people the Chinese, beforehand in everything, are said to have instituted stations for the reception of those bringing news. At these stations beds or couches were prepared, covered with silk and surround-Then, again, the ancients were not githout

Herodotus speaks of the messages written on the shaven heads of slaves whose journeys were delayed until the hair had grown sufficiently to hide the mysterious words which were thus securely vailed until the friend to whom they were addressed unvailed them with his sword razor. Josephus tells us of men disguised as animals, and bearing about them, hidden under the leopard's skin, or the lion's mane, some dread secret written by a friend or a master. Then, again, he speaks of letters inclosed in sarcophagi with the embalmed dead; and of messages. fearful or perchance triendly in import, being engraven on bullets, which anxiously waited for, were slung into besieged cities. And we read of the more ingenious contrivance of mystic writing, such as that employed by Julius Cæsar, who arranged a cipher most effectual for secreey. The ancient custom of stations, or posts, bore but a slight resemblance to the postal arrangements of our own times, seeing that they were available only for state purposes, and were not intended to serve for private correspondence; yet, icasmuch as they were suggestive to high and low, we may regard them as the forerunners of the extensive postal

intelligence.

institutions from which now we all benefit. England waited long for her regular postal system, which is of comparatively recent date, although as early as the thirteenth century the necessity of it plainly appeared from the various inventions resorted to by rich and poor. For example, persons of wealth and importance would keep one household official called a nuncius, or messenger, whose sole duty was the conveyance of letters; while their poorer neighbors would intrust written communications to travelling peddlers, sea captains and others, who made stated and periodical journeys; merchants would occasionally speculate by undertaking publicly to send to their respective destinations, all letters brought to them, provided the expenses of transmission were paid beforehand; and many of the nobility instituted stations or posts for their own families, or for districts in which they were especially interested.—English Paper.

SPENCER'S BEAUTIFUL WIFE. - Among the ladies recently added to society none create more interest than Mrs. Spencer, wife of the Alabama Senator. As seen from the gallery of the Senate, where she is a frequent attendant, she is a very pretty woman, of a dark, sallow complexion, thin lips, fine teeth, and a small, straight nose. Her chief beauty lies in her eyes—large, dark and expressive, with heavy lashes and arching brows. A broad brimmed black hat forms a shadowy halo round her face, and a mulberry colored suit throws a slight color into her cheeks. Some say she is a Cuban by birth, and from her native island gained the tropical beauty that a northern climate is dispelling; others, that she is from the South, wth Spanish ancestors. As an actoss belonging to Daly's Fifth Avenue Theatre she played her parts well, but never rose to great heights, nor gave promise of any remarkable talents. The susceptible Senator came, saw, was conquered, and on the shortest notice bore her off on a wedding tour to Deadwood, over which portion of the country the lady went into raptures, and the Senator interested himself in mines, lands and ranches. Those who saw the gentleman when he was first out there in the early spring described him as the most thorough Black Hiller out there. He entered thoroughly into the life and spirit of the place. wore hickory shirts, slouch hat and top boots, carried a brace of revolvers, and was in his sad dle all day. Speculations among those sapient miners were that, after his present term in the Senate, and when the Black Hills has been made into a Territory of its own by reason of his interests there, he would enter into political prominence and again enter the Senatorial arena, representing the great Northwest. - St. Louis Globe Democrat.

WHY SIMON CAME TO WASHINGTON .-Simon Cameron was here last week, but not on political business. He came quietly, saw only a few persons, and, but for an accidental mecting, nobody outside a select circle would have known of his visit. His business was entirely personal. The hearing in the celebrated case of Oliver vs. Cameron was set for this term of court, but for reasons best known to defendant he sought and obtained a postponement. It seems that all efforts to effect a compromise with the widow Oliver have failed, because she is not to be bought off cheaply. She demands a good round sum. Cameron objected to the price demanded and meant to fight it out, but Don Cameron does not want the scandal the suit must cause if it reaches a trial in the courts, and so Simon journeyed here to consuit his lawyer as to what could be done toward seouring better terms than the widow's lawyers have been demanding. I understand that the result was not satisfactory, and that instead of lowering their demands the counsel of Mrs. Oliver intimated that they would increase them f further delays were interposed .- Cor. New

JNO.A. FIELD, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

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Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, CIGARS, PIPES, &c. Flood's, Bob White, Winfree & Lloyd's Pride of Virginia, Hiawatha and other brands at factory prices. Always keeps a large stock in store. Call and see him, at No. 71 king st.,

before you buy elsewhere.

CHEAPMUSIC I propose closing out my stock of SHEET MUSIC, and now offer it AT ONE THIRD THE REGULAR PRICE. It consists mainly of choice Standard Music, suitable for Parlor, Concert or School Room, Vocal and Instrumental

Any music not in store will be ordered, and a mental. deduction of one fifth will be rande from publisher's prices. JOHN H. PARROTT. 1 dec 17-eolm

stock; Ladies' Neckties, very pretty.
Our sales to country merchants larger than ever before, and our stock full and complete

No. 109 King street, H. B. Hoomes. Alexandria, Va. NEW SUGARS received to-day, Dec. 12, by dec 14 R. W. AVERY, 226 King st.

AT HAND. plete stock of

DRY GOODS

Our stock has been entirely

Having done an occeedingly

(Succ'r. to Slaymaker Co.)

J. FERGUSON & BROTHER We have opened our stock of GOODS FOR THE FALL SEASON, consisting in part of—Ladies', Gents' and Children's Merino Underwear and Hosiery.

Dress Trimmings, in Silk and Worsted Fringes, Galloons, Buttons, &c.

Toilet Articles—Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Neck Putf, Side and High Combs, Soaps and Parfumery

FANCY GOODS.

Perfumery.
Ladies' Collars, Cuffs, Ruchings, Rufflings,
Ties, Lace Scarfs, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs and Kid Gloves.
Wool Shetland Worsteds, Germantown Wool, Shetland Wool and Floss, Saxony and German Knitting Yarns, in all colors, and Embroidery Canvases. HOOP SKIRTS & BUSTLES. All styles on hand and made to order at short

We have also a large stock of Hair Braids, Curls, Puffs, &c., to which we invite your at-tention. FERGUSON & BRO., NOTICE. I have just returned from the North with a full line of the following goods: Ladies' and full line of the following goods: Ladies' and Children's Hosiery from 12½ to 50c a pair; Kid Gloves from 75c to \$1 75 per pair; Handker-chiefs at all prices; Zephyr Worsted, white 10c, colored 14c per oz; Ladies' Embroidered Collars 15c; a large line of Lace Collars for children; Corsets from 50c up; Yarn, Navy Blue, Seal, Brown, and all the plain colors; Merino Vests and Pants of all sizes; Card Board Silver Paper Pictures in great variety; Motto Pocket Vests and Pants of all sizes; Uard Board Silver Paper Pictures in great variety; Motto Pocket Books; Steel Purses, new style; Lace and Silk Scarfs; Crepe Lease; all kinds of Rufling very low; Buttons, Fringes and Black Velvet on the bias; also Velvet Ribbons and everything in my line as low as can be sold in this or any other line as low as can be sold in this or any other line.

city. Call and see for yourselves at C. C. BERRY'S, 72 King st.

Agent for SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES. sep 24 C.M. ADAMS, Ladies' & Gents' Furn'g. Goods.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT. Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Corsets, Scarfs, Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, &c.
GENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Kid Gloves, Collars and Cuffs, Hosiery, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Underwear, Scarfs, Ties and Rows &c.

Handkerchiels,
Bows, &c.
NOTION DEPARTMENT.
Cotton, Pins, Needles, Thread, Buttons, Edgings, Zephyr Worsted, Shetland Wool, Germantown Wool, Saxony Yarns, &c.
nov 8 C. M. ADAMS, No. 92 King st. EDUCATIONAL. L'LOCUTION AND THE FRENCH LAN-Mr. SIDDONS, late of the Virginia and Washington and Lee Universities, will be happy to receive gentlemen

and CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH. Terms very moderate. Address 47 Fairfax st., Alex-MORE NEW GOODS FOR DECEMBER Tuesday, December 18, 1877.

Opening fashionable Cloaks to-day; choice Dress Goods at low prices; beautiful Calicoes, new styles; Blankets and Flannels, a choice stock: Ledice, Nochtics, vor profit.

and ladies, youths and adults, who may desire complete instruction in HIGH ART READING

and well adapted to their wants. Prices as low as Baltimore quotations. D. F. BRASHEAR,

DRY GOODS.

&c., &c.

HURRY TO

FOR YOUR LAST AND EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR BARGAINS.

76 KING STREET,

LINDHEIMER'S.

DRY GOODS WITHOUT REGARD TO COST, In order to wind up that part of my business. BLANKETS, FLANNELS, all kinds of CLOTHES, including the best of BEAVER

CLOTH, FURS for LADIES and CHILD-REN, &c, &c., ALMOST GIVEN AWAY. Hurry up for bargains.

S. LINDHEIMER.

RUGS. AND CRUMB CLOTHS,

IN GREAT VARIETY AND AT LOW PRICES AT

ICE CREAM, &c. NOTICE OF REMOVAL. I wish to notify my friends and the public prices generally that I have moved from my place of

delphia Taines, Bon-Bons, Cream works, Apples, flavors, fine and common confections, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, &c. Also a Milk Depot where fresh milk can be had at all times.

J. S. FORCE, No. 16 n. St. Asaph st.

BUTLER S BALSAMIC MIXTURE, FOR FORTY YEARS KNOWN AS THE IN-FALLIBLE REMEDY. Price one dollar per bottle. feb 28-1y

AN ELEGANT BRASS CAGE for \$1.00 at dec 11 Mc KAN & UHLER'S.